

Health Literacy Online Course

NOTE: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), a department of the federal government, has launched an online course for public health professionals. It focuses on building our capacity to communicate with patients and caregivers about health issues... using language that people can understand.

The *health literacy* home page identifies people who have a greater level of difficulty understanding and following through on treatment plans and home care directions. They are, but not limited to -- elders; people from minority populations, and even more likely, people for whom English is not their first language; people who have not had an opportunity for a good education; people who are medically underserved.

The course is called: Unified Health Communication 101: Addressing Health Literacy, Cultural Competency, and Limited English Proficiency. The course offers continuing education credit.

Here's the link to the health literacy home page:
<http://www.hrsa.gov/healthliteracy/default.htm>

If you have ever wonders why patients don't follow your directions or don't respond to flyers inviting them for free dental care, this workshop might offer you direction.

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